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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Moses, Crawford

A RESOLUTION recognizing Charles Redd for his service to the Democratic Party, the city of Fort Wayne, the state of Indiana, and civil rights causes.

Whereas, Charles B. Redd has spent his entire life in service to mankind;

Whereas, Charles B. Redd is a tireless fighter for equality and civil rights, both in the Democratic party and in everyday life;

Whereas, Charles B. Redd was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 11, 1930, and attended West Virginia State College and the Detroit Institute of Technology;

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Whereas, In September 1963, Charles moved to Indiana and was employed as a probation officer for the Marion County Juvenile Court;

Whereas, Mr. Redd later began working for the Urban League of Marion and, in 1968, went to work for the Urban League of Fort Wayne;

Whereas, While employed by the Urban League of Fort Wayne, Mr. Redd assisted the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Fort Wayne Branch of the NAACP in their service as advocates for public school desegregation and encouraged major industries to employ ex-offenders;

Whereas, Mr. Redd's crusade for equality did not stop there. He served as an administrator of the EEO and affirmative action programs for GTE and as the representative for the Vernon Jordan Reward Fund;

Whereas, Always a civic-minded person, Charles represented the 1st District on the Fort Wayne City Council from 1984 to 1992 and served as council president for two consecutive years;

Whereas, Charles B. Redd became interested in politics during the Depression when he assisted his parents by passing out literature in Detroit;

Whereas, Charles takes his responsibility in the democratic process very seriously and has voted in every election since 1951, when he became became a registered voter while serving in the military;

Whereas, Although Charles has been a delegate to state and national conventions of the Democratic Party, he has, since 1988, focused primarily on encouraging the inclusion of African Americans, Hispanics, and economically disadvantaged groups in all levels of the political process and is currently the director of the Voter Information Center, Inc.;

Whereas, Always active in the Democratic Party, Charles is the retiring chairman of the Indiana Democratic



African-American Caucus;

Whereas, Charles recently has been recognized as an outstanding civil rights leader by the Democratic Party through the creation of the Charles Redd Honorary Fair Share Declaration, a list of goals for minority inclusion;

Whereas, Charles, who is technically retired, still leads a busy life, serving as president of the Ginger Bread House, as a member of the board of the Anthony Wayne Services, as treasurer of Headwaters Park Alliance, and as chairperson of the Fort Wayne Housing Authority; and

Whereas, The state of Indiana owe a great debt to this outstanding citizen for his tireless efforts to bring equality to all men: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 thank Charles Redd for the many contributions he has made to help
3 further civil rights causes throughout the state of Indiana and for his
4 untiring service to the city of Fort Wayne and the citizens of that city
5 and the state of Indiana.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Charles Redd, his
8 wife, Jacqueline, and his sons, Stephen and Matthew, and their
9 families.

